

DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Waste Management Division
Solid Waste Management Program
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STATE OF MONTANA

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September 11, 1995

West Yellowstone/Hebgen Basin Solid Waste District
c/o Gallatin County Commissioners
311 W. Main St., Room 301
Bozeman, MT 59715

SUBJECT: West Yellowstone/Hebgen Lake Basin Transfer Station (#236) & Class III Landfill
(#237-Conditionally Closed) Inspection Reports

Dear County Commissioners:

On August 1, 1995, I inspected the West Yellowstone/Hebgen Lake Basin Transfer Station and Class III landfill facilities for compliance with the rules and regulations governing solid waste disposal in Montana. According to ARM 16.14.526(1), whenever violations of the laws and rules governing solid waste management are noted during the course of an inspection, we are required to notify the operator of the violations observed during the inspection. Enclosed you will find the official inspection report of the landfill. Rocky Hermanson of EcoWest accompanied me on my inspections.

The official inspection report has been separated into various sections, such as General Operation and Maintenance Plan and Ground Water Monitoring Requirements. Each section has then been further divided into "Major Violations", "Minor Violations", and "Comments". Those sections in which no violations or comments were noted have not been included in this inspection report. Under the appropriate category, I have quoted the rule or regulation which was violated and an explanation of the specific problem.

The transfer station was not open at the time of the inspection, but was clean and a obviously well maintained facility. No violations were noted, therefore no official inspection report is attached. I inspected the West Yellowstone Class III Landfill and did not cite the facility for violations, but made a couple of comments in regards to the conditions of closure of that facility. Please see the attached report.

The purpose of carrying out inspections is to protect human health and the environment by ensuring compliance with State rules and regulations. We will try to provide any assistance you

LANDFILL ROUTE SLIP

☐ NEW APPLICATION

Jon D. _____
Jim W. _____
Cathy _____

☐ NEW LICENSE

Jon D. _____
Jim W. _____
Carol _____
Cathy _____
Michelle _____

☐ HEALTH OFFICER CARD

Carol _____
Cathy _____
Michelle _____

☐ INSPECTIONS

Pat C. _____
Carol / *roof* _____
Jon _____
Roger _____
Pat P. _____

FPC 9/8/95
CU 9-12
JD 9/8/95
pc
p3 9/8/95

☐ INTERIM CLOSURES *mailed - 9-11-95*

Jim W. _____
Carol _____
Cathy _____

☐ CLOSURES

Jim W. _____
Carol _____
Cathy _____

☐ CHANGE IN LICENSE FOR FEE STATUS

Jon D. _____
Jim W. _____
Carol _____
Cathy _____

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WESTVELL 911

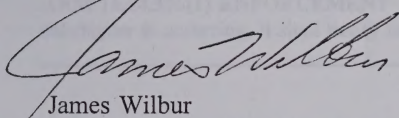
File: Gallatin Co. - West Yellowstone Landfill (Closed File)

West Yellowstone Transfer

West Yellowstone
Inspection Report
September 11, 1995
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may need in order to comply. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



James Wilbur
Solid and Hazardous Waste Specialist

cc/encl: Jo Miller, West Yellowstone/Hebgen Lake Basin District, P.O. Box 239, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
Patricia Hesch, Hebgen Lake Ranger Dist., Gallatin National Forest, P.O. Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
Tom Dolezal, EcoWest, Box 400, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
Damschen & Associates, P.O. Box 4817, Helena, MT 59604
Blue Ridge Services, P.O. Box 4054, Bozeman, MT 59722-4054
Patrick Zurick, Environmental Health Services, Courthouse, Room 304, 311 W. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715
Jackie Stonnell, MPH, RN, Gallatin County Health Officer, Courthouse, Room 104, 311 W. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715
Environmental Remediation Division, DEQ

Enclosures: West Yellowstone Landfill Inspection Report
(Revision 7/01/95)

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Time: 11:11 AM

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE/SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT

(Revision 7/01/95)

Site Name: West Yellowstone Class III Landfill
License #: 237
Date of Inspection: August 1, 1995
Persons Present: Rocky Hermanson, Manager

Applicable Acronyms

ARM = Administrative Rules of Montana
Department = Montana Department Environmental Quality
MSWLF = Municipal solid waste landfill
NESHAP = National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants

CFR = Code of Federal Regulations
MCA = Montana Code Annotated
MSWMA = Montana Solid Waste Management Act

ARM 16.14.526(1) ENFORCEMENT If after an inspection the department determines that violation of the act or this subchapter is occurring, it shall notify the licensee of the nature of the violation.

Burn Pile Management Requirements

Comments: Open Burning Event

Section 75-10-221(1), MCA (MSWMA) . . . no person may dispose of solid waste or operate a solid waste management system without a license from the department.

ARM 16.14.520(2) Open burning at all facilities is prohibited unless a permit has been obtained from the department.

ARM 16.8.1307(4)(b) The department may issue a conditional air quality open burning permit to dispose of:

(b) untreated wood waste at a licensed landfill site,

ARM 16.8.1307(5)(b) A permit issued under this rule is valid for the following periods:

(b) untreated wood waste at licensed landfill sites--single burn. A new permit must be obtained for each burn.

Discussion: Apparently some wood waste was stockpiled and burned (under Forest Service permit) at the conditionally closed Class III Landfill. Please noted that this site is not licensed for this activity and continuation this activity will be deemed as a violation of the above stated statute and rules. If the County wishes to license a facility for open burning of wood waste in the West Yellowstone area, that site must be licensed as a landfill under the requirements of MSWMA.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS REPORT

(Revision 10/1/82)

Waste Management Class III & IV

197

August 1, 1982

Waste Management, Chicago

The Mayor

Chicago

Date of Issuance

Project Number

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Comments: Closure Plan Requirements for Ground Water Monitoring (Organics)

Discussion: When this site ceased operation in 1988, a closure plan prepared by Damschen & Associates was submitted and approved by the Department with certain conditions. These conditions were specified in a letter from Jim Leiter (Solid Waste Program Manager at that time) that was dated May 5, 1989. Condition #2 required ground water monitoring for a period of time to verify if the proposed "sand cap" was effective in limiting the known ground water contamination caused by this facility. In that letter the Department reserved the authority to require additional measures (i.e. synthetic membrane component of final cover, etc.) should the proposed final cover not adequately reduce contaminant levels. Also, at that time it was decided that Solid Waste Management Program would retain oversight of the problems at the facility, rather than turn it over to the CERCLA Program (Superfund) for cleanup. Several ground water sampling events have been conducted at this site, but no analysis for organic constituents has been conducted which was included in condition 2(c) of the closure plan approval.

Recently the U.S. Forest Service has reissued the Special Use Permit for the West Yellowstone/Hebgen Lake Solid Waste District to use the site of the landfill and transfer station. This permit contains a requirement to conduct ground water analysis for volatile organic contaminants (VOCs) as specified in ARM 16.14.706, Table 1. The Department, when consulted, has stated that two sample events of three wells (C, F, and I), one during the low water period (Fall or early Winter) and one during the high water period (Spring or early Summer), would be recommended sampling protocol to determine if the contamination continues to be a serious problem at this site (letter dated December 12, 1994). It was also strongly recommended that the site's new supply well be sampled and tested, since this water supply is used for human needs.

The Department expects the District/County to conduct the appropriate organic sampling as soon as possible as required for closure of this landfill and the continued permitted use of this property. The results of the sampling events will determine the future actions regarding the disposition of this site.

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS REPORT

(Section 101.10)

West Yellowstone Class III Landfill

114

August 1, 1975

Weekly Monitoring, 1975

Site Name:

License #:

Date of Inspection:

Inspector's Name:

Approximate Location:

1000 - 10000 ft. above sea level

1000 - 10000 ft. above sea level

1000 - 10000 ft. above sea level

1000 - 10000 ft. above sea level

1000 - 10000 ft. above sea level

AREA 1000 (10000) - ELEVATION 10000 ft. above sea level. The area is the subject of this report. It is located in the West Yellowstone area.

Area 1000 (10000) - Elevation 10000 ft.

Comments: Open burning event.

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(a) - unburned wood waste in a burned condition.

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(b) - unburned wood waste in a burned condition. A new permit must be obtained for each year.

Comments: Approximately 10000 tons of waste were burned in this area. The area is the subject of this report. It is located in the West Yellowstone area.

Closure Plan Compliance

Comments: Closure Plan Requirements for Ground Water Monitoring (Organics)

Discussion: When this site ceased operation in 1988, a closure plan prepared by Damschen & Associates was submitted and approved by the Department with certain conditions. These conditions were specified in a letter from Jim Leiter (Solid Waste Program Manager at that time) that was dated May 5, 1989. Condition #2 required ground water monitoring for a period of time to verify if the proposed "sand cap" was effective in limiting the known ground water contamination caused by this facility. In that letter the Department reserved the authority to require additional measures (i.e. synthetic membrane component of final cover, etc.) should the proposed final cover not adequately reduce contaminant levels. Also, at that time it was decided that Solid Waste Management Program would retain oversight of the problems at the facility, rather than turn it over to the CERCLA Program (Superfund) for cleanup. Several ground water sampling events have been conducted at this site, but no analysis for organic constituents has been conducted which was included in condition 2(c) of the closure plan approval.

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The Department expects the District/County to conduct the appropriate organic sampling as soon as possible as required for closure of this landfill and the continued permitted use of this property. The results of the sampling events will determine the future actions regarding the disposition of this site.

Closure Plan CommentsComments: Closure Plan Requirements for Ground Water Monitoring (Continued)

Discussion: When this site closed operations in 1988, a closure plan prepared by Continental Resources was submitted and approved by the Department with certain conditions. These conditions were specified in a letter from the State (State Health Program) in that letter that was dated May 2, 1989. Condition #1 required ground water monitoring for a period of one year after the proposed "land cap" was placed in the ground water monitoring area. In order to comply with this condition, the Department reviewed the monitoring system and determined that it was not adequate. A permanent monitoring component of final cover was required. The Department also required that the monitoring system be designed to detect leaks and adequately reduce contamination levels. This is the reason it was decided that this is the Management Program would retain oversight of the problem in the landfill, rather than have it in the CERCLA Program (Department) for change. Ground water monitoring system was then conducted at this site, but no monitoring for organic constituents has been conducted which was included in condition 1(c) of the closure plan approval.

According to the U.S. Forest Service has reviewed the final cover for the landfill and recommended that the State Health Program to use the site of the landfill and transfer station. This permit contains a requirement to conduct ground water monitoring for organic constituents (CERCLA) as specified in 40 CFR 191.10 (b) (1) (i). The Department, when approved, has noted that two sample events of three wells (C, E, and F) are during the low water period (fall or early winter) and one during the high water period (spring or early summer). It would be recommended sampling protocol to determine if the contamination continues to be a problem at this site (letter dated December 12, 1994). It was also recommended that the site's new supply well be sampled and tested since the water supply is used for human consumption.

The Department expects the District Company to conduct the appropriate organic sampling as soon as possible as required for closure of this landfill and the continued permitted use of this property. The results of the sampling events will determine the future action regarding the disposition of this site.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

Gallatin National Forest
Box 130, Bozeman, Montana 59715

REPLY TO: 7460 Solid Wastes

DEC 22 1977

SUBJECT: West Yellowstone Landfill



TO: Duane Robertson
Solid Waste Management Bureau
1400 11th Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Attached are two copies of the engineering report on the groundwater monitoring program near the West Yellowstone landfill.

As the agency responsible for land management of the landfill site and the surrounding area, I would appreciate copies of correspondence you may have with the city regarding the landfill.

Please contact Ken Gallik or Harry Kringler at the Supervisor's Office in Bozeman, if there are any questions.

for *KA Gallik*
LEWIS E. HAWKES
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

RECEIVED

DEC 23 1977

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
SOLID WASTE SECTION

Office Memorandum •

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

TO : West Yellowstone Landfill File
FROM : Jim Leiter
SUBJECT : Field Visit

DATE: January 15, 1987

On Dec 11, 1987, I performed a "windshield inspection" of this landfill. I also attended a meeting with the refuse board to discuss the landfill.

There was a lot of group II refuse going into the trench, due mainly, because there was no supervision of the trench area. We discussed this situation at the meeting, along with some possibilities for disposal of the metal pile at the site.

U.L. DISPOSAL SITE INSPECTION REPORT R.L.

Solid Waste Management Bureau
1400 11th Avenue, Suite A
Helena, Montana 59601
Telephone: (406) 449-2821

XXXXXXXXXX
A. C. Knight, M.D.
Director

July 15, 1977

Hon. Larry Binfet
Mayor, Town of West Yellowstone
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Dear Mayor Binfet:

The West Yellowstone sanitary landfill was inspected on July 6, 1977 by the undersigned. The enclosed field investigation report indicates the conditions that were found at the time of inspection.

The only phase of this operation that we must take exception to is the large pile of miscellaneous Group III wastes that are being piled separately. Many of the wastes being dumped in this area could be dumped in the trench, compacted and covered on a daily basis, along with the household refuse. Hopefully, the necessary changes will be incorporated into Mr. Larson's operation to limit the amount of refuse piled separately to only those items that cannot be successfully landfilled. The appearance and overall operation of the landfill were excellent.

If we can be of any assistance, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Duane L. Robertson, R.S.
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

DLR/lb

Enclosure

cc: Board of County Commissioners, Gallatin County, Courthouse, Bozeman
Larry Wallace, County Sanitarian, Courthouse, Room 105, Bozeman
Edward Lee King, M.D., County Health Officer, Courthouse, Room 105,
Bozeman
U.S. Forest Service, Gallatin National Forest, P.O. Box 130, Bozeman

REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Location of Site: West Yellowstone Date: July 6, 1977
 County: Gallatin Class: II
 Operator: Ken Larson, ACE Contracting Address: _____
 Owner: _____ Address: _____

Explain No answers on reverse side

	YES	NO
1. Burning Controlled	☒	☐
2. Disposal Site Properly Located	☒	☐
3. Dumping Confined to Manageable Area	☒	☐
4. Refuse Properly Covered After Each Operating Day	☒	☐
5. Spreading and Compaction of Refuse Adequate	☒	☐
6. Ponding and Erosion Effectively Controlled on Finished Area	☒	☐
7. Rodents and Insects Controlled	☒	☐
8. Blowing Paper Controlled	☒	☐
9. Salvaging Controlled	☒	☐
10. Approach Road Properly Maintained	☒	☐
11. Other (Explained on reverse side)	☒	☐

Control of Site:

☒ Signs ☒ Fences and Gates ☒ Supervision ☐ None

Equipment at Site:

YES ☒ NO ☐

Type: Rubber tired loader and crawler tractor

Size: _____

Persons Seen: Ken Larson, Contractor, and Eric Armstrong, Sanitarian

Signature of Inspector: _____

Duane L. Robertson, R.S.

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Solid Waste Management Bureau
Board of Health Building
Helena, Montana 59601
Telephone: (406) 449-2821

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XXXXXXXXXXXX
A. C. Knight, M.D.
Acting Director

October 28, 1976

Ace Contracting
c/o Ken Larson
Box 338
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Dear Mr. Larson:

Please find enclosed an inspection report which was completed after inspection of the West Yellowstone refuse disposal area.

As you will note, problems associated with refuse disposal are minimal, and quite probably the exposed refuse seen would have been covered that night. I was also concerned about the large demolition pile at the site. Disposal of this material is quite difficult and will require a tremendous amount of land. However, it must be compacted and covered as best you can and hopefully as soon as you can.

Keep up the good work and if you should have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paddy R. Trusler, R.S.
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

PRT/lb

Enclosure

cc: Board of County Commissioners, Gallatin County, Courthouse, Bozeman
Larry E. Wallace, County Sanitarian, Courthouse, Bozeman
Edward L. King, M.D., County Health Officer, Room 105, Courthouse Bldg.,
Bozeman
Gallatin National Forest, PO Box 130, Bozeman

REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Location of Site: West Yellowstone Date: October 6, 1976
 County: Gallatin Class: II

Operator: _____ Address: _____

Owner: _____ Address: _____

Explain <u>No</u> answers on reverse side	YES	NO
1. Burning Controlled	☒	☐
2. Disposal Site Properly Located	☒	☐
3. Dumping Confined to Manageable Area	☒	☐
4. Refuse Properly Covered After Each Operating Day	☐	☒
5. Spreading and Compaction of Refuse Adequate	☐	☒
6. Ponding and Erosion Effectively Controlled on Finished Area	☐	N.A. ☐
7. Rodents and Insects Controlled	☒	☐
8. Blowing Paper Controlled	☒	☐
9. Salvaging Controlled	☒	☐
10. Approach Road Properly Maintained	☒	☐
11. Other (Explained on reverse side)		☒

Control of Site:

☒ Signs ☒ Fences and Gates ☒ Supervision ☐ None

Equipment at Site: YES ☒ NO ☐

Type: Cat

Size: Unknown

Persons Seen: _____

Signature of Inspector: _____

Paddy R. Trusler, R.S.

4. & 5. Rule MAC 16-2.14(2), 14100, Section (7)(a)(iii). After each operating day, refuse must be compacted and covered with a minimum of six inches of suitable soil cover material. At the time of inspection, a load of garbage was observed at the top end of the trench. I couldn't tell whether or not it was dumped that day, but ravens and seagulls were scavenging through the refuse. This refuse must be compacted and covered after each day refuse is deposited in the trench.

11. At the time of inspection, a large pile of demolition debris consisting mainly of metal material was observed at the disposal site. This material could be classified as Group III waste, therefore not requiring a daily cover. However, the large volume of this material detracts from general organization at the disposal site and serious consideration must be given to compacting and covering the material mentioned as soon as possible.

NO	YES	1. Refuse properly covered after each operating day
☐	☒	2. Refuse properly covered after each operating day
☐	☒	3. Refuse properly covered after each operating day
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☐	☒	10. Refuse properly covered after each operating day
☐	☒	11. Refuse properly covered after each operating day

NO	YES	12. Refuse properly covered after each operating day
☐	☒	13. Refuse properly covered after each operating day

JUNKYARD CONTROL

SANITARY LANDFILL INVENTORY FORM

Owner Town of West Yellowstone

Address West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Lessee or Operator, if different from Owner _____

County Gallatin

Route 050

Milepost 4+0.400

Industrial Zone ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, give details under "remarks".)

Approximate Size (Acres) 20 Acres

Approximate Dimensions 500 feet x 500 feet

If unscreened, can site be feasibly screened? (Give details under "remarks".)

Remarks: (Use back of form if necessary.)

This site is completely chain link fenced. It is 0.3 mile from the highway and completely screened by trees. The area is used for some equipment storage as well as land fill dump.

It is well marked and apparently meets all criteria for a modern land fill.

PHOTO

Lt. Front 3/4 View



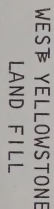
Rt. Front 3/4 View



(Attach sketch of landfill area and include additional photos if necessary.)

Agent L. E. Swisher

Date April 26, 1976

MONTANA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
TRAINING DIVISION SECTION

IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

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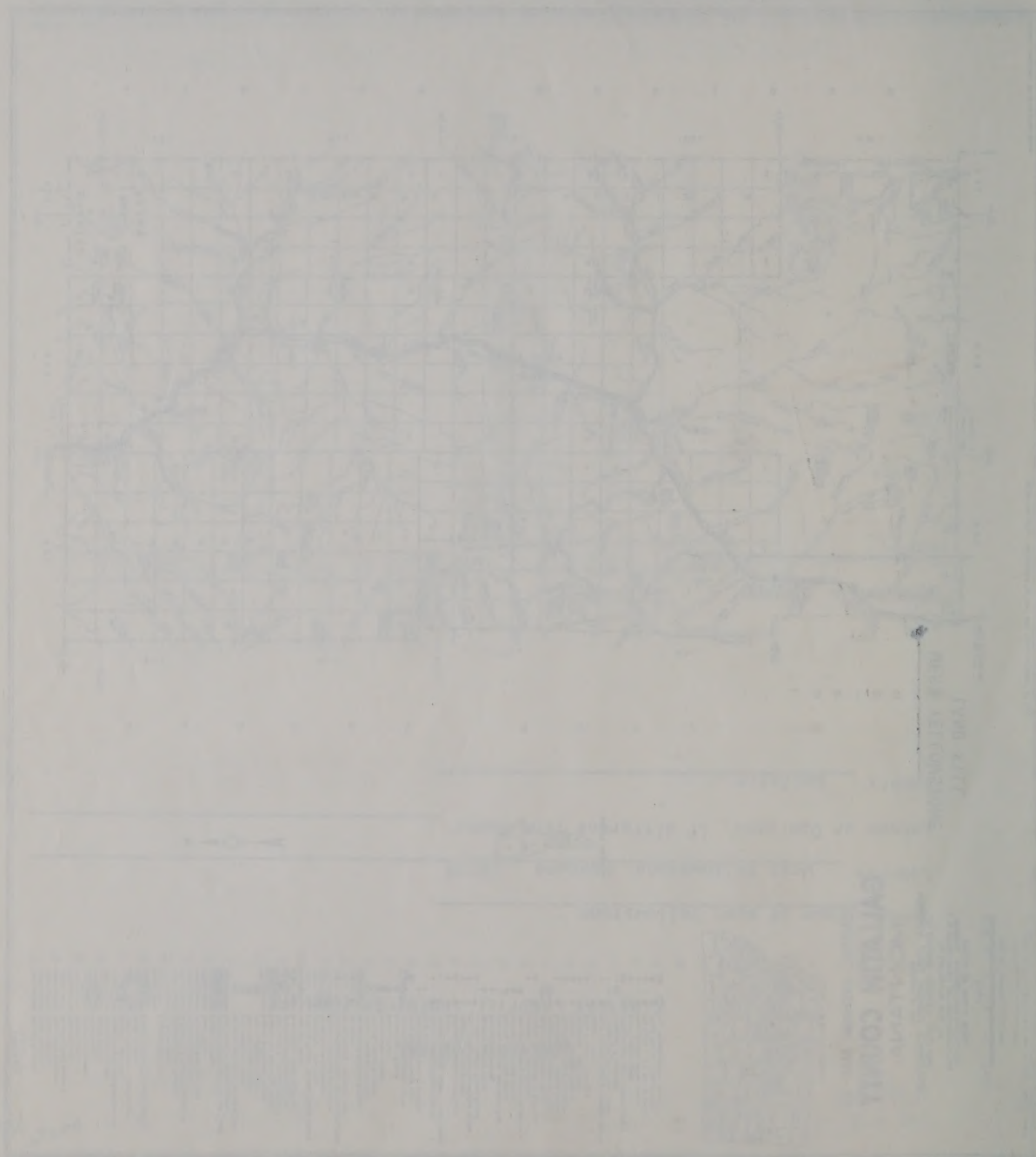
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SHEET 4 OF 9 MAP SHEETS AND 1 SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET

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FROM CITY
TO ALBUQUERQUE

GALLUP COUNTY

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Solid Waste Management Bureau
1424 9th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601
Telephone: (406) 449-2821

August 14, 1974

Hon. Cal Fuller
Mayor
Town of West Yellowstone
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Dear Mayor Fuller:

As usual, the West Yellowstone sanitary landfill is being operated in a very fine manner. It is always a pleasure to inspect this landfill operation because you can count on it being in top shape.

If we can be of any assistance, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Sciences Division

DLR:cm

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Allen Bond, County Sanitarian, Room 205, Courthouse,
Billings
George Sheckleton, M.D., City-County Health Officer, Court-
house, Billings

Solid Waste Management Bureau
1434 3rd Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601
Telephone: (406) 448-3831

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

August 14, 1974

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September 12, 1973

Solid Waste Section
(406) 449-2408 Field Investigation

Locality: West Yellowstone

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Hon. Gene C. Fuller
Mayor, Town of West Yellowstone
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The West Yellowstone sanitary landfill was inspected on August 30, 1973 by the undersigned.

This is a very good sanitary landfill operation. The refuse is compacted properly before being covered and the appearance is great, due to the efforts being made to clean up all the blowing litter at the landfill site.

If we can be of any assistance, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

cc: John S. Mest, M.D., Health Officer, P. O. Box 639, Bozeman
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE
Environmental Sciences Division
Environmental Services Bureau
Bozeman, Montana

April 11, 1972

Field Investigation

Montana West Yellowstone

and Environmental Sciences

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Director

April 11, 1972

Hon. Martin Smith
Mayor, Town of West Yellowstone
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Dear Mayor Smith:

The West Yellowstone refuse disposal site was inspected on March 10 by Mr. Eddy Crowley of this office. A copy of his field investigation is enclosed with this letter.

According to Mr. Crowley's field investigation, the refuse disposal site at West Yellowstone is continuing to comply with Montana's solid waste disposal laws and regulations. West Yellowstone is to be congratulated on this feat. The report does indicate that the refuse did lack some cover material. It is understood by this office the problems a landfill faces during a West Yellowstone winter. It is hoped by this office that West Yellowstone will continue to operate a proper disposal site.

If there are any questions or comments pertaining to this report, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

TERRENCE D. CARMODY, Project Director
Solid Waste Program
Environmental Services Bureau

TDC:ao

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ken Larson, West Yellowstone

Mr. C. Wyman Taylor, R.S., Sanitarian, Box 639, Courthouse, Bozeman

MONTANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
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Field Investigation

Locality: West Yellowstone

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Persons Seen: Mayor Martin Smith; Mr. Ken Larson, refuse contractor; and
Mr. Wyman Taylor, Sanitarian

Refuse Disposal Site:

The first trench, which was approximately 20' wide by 20' deep by 200' long, was filled by the end of the tourist season, and a second trench, approximately 20' wide by 20' deep by 200' long is presently being used. Due to the extreme amount of snow and the cold weather in West Yellowstone, Mr. Larson has had some trouble in obtaining adequate cover material for the three days during the week that the site is open. At the time of inspection, the refuse in the trench did not have quite enough cover material, but the refuse was compacted extremely well, and the site was in good shape for a winter operation in West Yellowstone.

The Forest Service did report to Mr. Taylor, County Sanitarian, that there was a fire at the disposal site. Mr. Larson explained that this fire was caused by a "hot load" he had unknownly picked up and that the fire was immediately extinguished.

Comments:

Mayor Smith indicated that West Yellowstone had been approached by a California consulting firm. The firm expressed interest in using the West Yellowstone landfill for the solid waste disposal of Yellowstone Park refuse. Mayor Smith indicated that West Yellowstone would not jump at the chance to dispose of Yellowstone Park refuse because of the extreme volume generated in the park, but probably would allow the use of the site by the National Park to aid Mr. Larson's operation financially. Mr. Larson indicated that he would be agreeable to disposing of refuse from Yellowstone Park.

Mr. Larson stated that a car crushing firm from Salt Lake would be willing to enter the area if 100 old automobiles were available in one location. The firm indicated that the old cars need not be stripped of anything, but would crush them as they sit.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy A. Crowley, Environmental Engineer
Solid Waste Program

EAC:ao

Reports to: Hon. Martin Smith, Mayor, Town of West Yellowstone, West Yellowstone
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July 1, 1971

Hon. Martin Smith
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Dear Mayor Smith:

On June 14, 1971, Mr. Eddy Crowley of this office observed conditions at the West Yellowstone disposal site. A copy of the report is enclosed with this letter.

Your attention is directed to the recommendations in the report. We are pleased that West Yellowstone is operating a proper landfill. It would be interesting to record the bear reaction to the new site.

If there are any questions or comments concerning this report, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

Claiborne W. Brinck, P.E., Director
Division of Environmental Sanitation

CWB:EAC:ao

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ken Larson, West Yellowstone
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MONTANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Environmental Sanitation
Helena, Montana

June 28, 1971

Field Investigation

Locality: West Yellowstone

Date: June 14, 1971

Persons Seen: Martin Smith, Mayor; and Ken Larson, Refuse Contractor

Refuse Collection and Disposal System:

The collection and disposal of refuse in West Yellowstone is on contract to Ace Contract Co. Residents are charged \$2.00 per month for collection and disposal and nearly everyone in West Yellowstone receives this service.

The refuse is collected on a once-a-week basis. The contractor uses 3 and 4 yard dumpsters which he picks up with a 40 and a 25 yard front end loader compactor truck.

The new disposal site is four miles north of West Yellowstone and consists of ten acres. The site is enclosed by a chain-link fence, which is ten feet above the ground and three feet under the ground. The site also has a three-wire electric fence on the perimeter of the chain-link fence. It appears to be a bear-proof fence, but has yet to be tested by a bear.

The operation of the site began on June 7, 1971. Mr. Larson is running a trench-type operation and is compacting and burying every day. Burning is not allowed at the site.

Recommendations:

Document on film the bear reaction to the bear-proof fence. It should be an interesting spectacle.

Respectfully submitted,

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MONTANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Environmental Sanitation
Helena, Montana

October 7, 1970

TRIP REPORT

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It was a very interesting trip as I had't had much experience with solid waste disposal before. There is more to it than digging a hole and burying it.

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Campbell
Cal Campbell, R.S., Consultant Sanitarian
Division of Environmental Sanitation

CC:cp

STATE OF MONTANA

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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October 7, 1968

Trip Report

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Mr. Taylor stated that he would like a letter written to him covering the trip to West Yellowstone. Mr. Taylor will be contacted on Monday to discuss what should be said in this letter.

The contract for Mr. Schye to operate a sanitary landfill was to have become effective August 27, 1968. However, he has not done a thing to the dump site as of this date. The Mayor is going to meet with the county commissioners and Mr. Taylor is going to talk to the commissioners.

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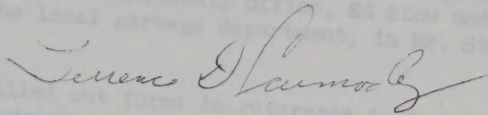
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On October 4, 1968, Mr. Vincent Capp, who is the commissioner in Jefferson County, was seen and was invited to any or all parts of the annual Sanitarians' Conference. He asked that he be sent a program and invitation.

Doctor Schultz, County Health Officer and Don McLean, County Sanitarian in Butte were seen to discuss the proposed survey of the Butte area. The forms were reviewed along with a list of the information that was hoped to be obtained. A few changes were made. It was decided that the survey would run for two weeks, but the weighing part of the survey would only run for one week. This will be the week of October 14, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence D. Carmody, R.S., Sanitarian
Division of Environmental Sanitation

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STATE OF MONTANA

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Environmental Sanitation

August 14, 1968

Trip Report

TO: Claiborne W. Brinck, Director

FROM: Terrence D. Carmody

SUBJECT: Trip Covering the Dates of August 5 through 7, 1968--Billings, Columbus, and West Yellowstone

The undersigned met with John Talty from the U. S. Public Health Service in Denver, Tom Sorg from the Cincinnati office, Ed Stow and Mr. Roy Bennett, manager of the local garbage department, in Mr. Stow's office.

Mr. Talty and Mr. Sorg filled out forms in reference to the garbage department with Roy Bennett answering their questions. After the forms were completed, five blocks were chosen at random in the city and an inspection was carried out to check the conditions of storage in these five blocks. This inspection concluded at about 8:00 Monday night.

On Tuesday morning, another meeting was held in Mr. Stow's office at 8:30. At this time, a commercial block in the downtown Billings area was selected and surveyed.

A trip was made to the garbage department's building and the landfill.

The undersigned discussed with Mr. Talty and Mr. Sorg concerning the Michigan Trash Pack. They both said that they have not yet heard anything in particular about the Trash Pack. They stated, however, that people using the Trash Pack had difficulty operating it until they were used to it. They also stated that there was a definite need for a dozer to work with these packing equipment. The pack would not do a complete job by themselves because they were not versatile enough.

A request was made to Mr. Talty and Mr. Bennett about cost figures for operating a sanitary landfill. Mr. Talty will send information on the cost. Mr. Bennett stated that he thought the city spends about \$32,000 for one year. This estimate includes the cost of equipment, labor, etc. A copy will be sent to the State Department of Health on a later date.

Harold Nordahl, Mayor of Columbus, was seen on Wednesday morning in reference to the Columbus garbage situation. The City has just adopted a new ordinance which makes it mandatory for everyone to subscribe to garbage pickup. There are a few people protesting this and saying that the City does not have this authority. The Mayor would like a letter from the State Department of Health. One of the establishments protesting is the Atlas Bar and the other is the local bakery. The operator of the Montana Liquor Store is also protesting.

August 14, 1968

Columbus has moved their landfill site. They are using an old gravel pit. The water table is quite high in this gravel pit, and it was suggested that prior to dumping the garbage, old tires or demolition material be placed in the bottom of the pit and covered to get above the water table.

On Wednesday evening, Wyman Taylor and the undersigned went to the West Yellowstone dump looking at Grizzly bears. The bears appeared about 10:00 that evening. Eight Grizzly bears were spotted at one time.

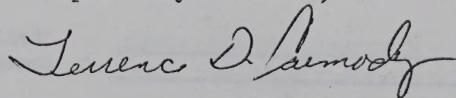
Thursday morning, Wyman Taylor and the undersigned met with Mayor Smith and discussed the garbage situation and laws. She is interested in having a model ordinance sent to her. She also wants us to come to a meeting in the future. We discussed the problems they are having getting the special use permit from the Forest Service. At the present time, the county has it and they have written a contract with Elmer Schye for operating the dump. In talking to the Forest Service, they feel that the fees are much too high and people would start indiscriminate dumping. They are not going to approve the contract. At the present time, they are holding up the special use permit. The city wants this permit. It is felt that if we talk to the county commissioners they will relinquish the permit. If they do, the Forest Service will go ahead and issue it to the city.

If, however, the commissioners do not want to relinquish their special use permit, the Forest Service said that they may issue another permit in a different area adjacent to the present site which the city will operate.

Paul Hoskins, who is the ranger here, requested us to draw out a sketch as to how the landfill should be operated in this particular area. It consists of a hillside with about a 60 percent slope, and it has about a 50 foot bank. They are planning on terracing it up this slope and back into the hill.

The next step is to talk to the county commissioners and Wyman Taylor suggested that we meet in Bozeman possibly next Wednesday and talk to them on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence D. Carmody, R.S., Sanitarian
Division of Environmental Sanitation

TDC:sdd

MONTANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Division of Environmental Sanitation

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL INSPECTION

LOCATION West Yellowstone - Gallatin Pop. Served 500-6000 Date July 22 1966
City County

OWNER/CARETAKER (Owner - ?) Caretaker - Gallatin Co. Inspected by John C. Spindler
MUNICIPAL OR PRIVATE? Municipal License Number _____

- I. LOCATION: 2 1/2 miles from junction of main street + Park Entrance Rd
Approximate direction and distance from municipality
one-half mile west of old Huggins Camp
Approximate direction and distance to nearest dwelling
1 1/2 mi.
Approximate direction and distance from nearest collection point
1/2 mi.
Approximate direction and distance from highway
1/2 mi. from Madison River
Approximate distance from stream, lake, pond, reservoir, etc.
(circle appropriate word or words)

Site Approved () * (over)

Date of Approval _____ 19 _____

II. METHOD OF DISPOSAL (Circle appropriate type)

1. Sanitary Landfill

- () a. Back-filled, compacted
daily____, weekly____,
other____ Specify____
() b. Area fenced
() c. Dumping controlled
() d. Final soil cover adequate
() e. Insects and rodents controlled
() f. Salvaging not a nuisance
() g. Premises clean and maintained
() h. Adequate fencing to prevent
blowing papers

3. Incineration

- () a. Operating in satisfactory manner
() b. Odors or operation not a nuisance
() c. Incineration complete
() d. Non-combustibles properly
disposed of
() e. Insects and rodents controlled
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() i. Combustion confined to prevent
blowing of hot material

2. Composting

- () a. Insects and rodents controlled
() b. Odors or operation not nuisance
() c. Area fenced
() d. Premises clean and maintained

4. Other (Describe)

Open dump - uncontrolled burning -
not fenced - uncontrolled

III. ACCESS ROADS

1.
() a. Adequate for trucks
() b. Spillage minimized
() c. No dumping along road

IV. SIGNING

1.
() a. Signing adequate
() b. Warnings posted when disposal
area is poisoned

* This site location is OK for a landfill but not for an open, burning dump.

The area is not fenced; dumping is not controlled by a caretaker; rodents may be and certainly can become a nuisance; no control of rodents or insects is exercised; salvaging is not known to create a nuisance; premises are not clean and inadequately maintained; blowing papers are a nuisance & blowing, burning paper is a real hazard.

Much garbage & trash is apparent in borrow pits on both sides of highway between dump & town.

The dump is immediately adjacent to a "burn area" from a forest fire at Baker Hole Campground a few years ago & conditions are critical for another fire in the area originating from burning trash in the dump.

Scavenging grizzly & brown bears create a real public hazard - dump site should be fenced & lock during night to keep tourists away from bears - someone is certain to get badly mauled or killed eventually.

The dump should be fenced & locked at night immediately. ^{and bear warning signs installed} The dump should be condemned and a plan for a landfill developed & submitted before the next tourist season. Should fencing be installed as recommended Mr. Hatcher, W.Y. STP operator, could be made responsible.

I am certain that the Salween Co. Commissioners would be taken to court by anyone injured by the bears - this should be pointed out to them!